

Until we find a cure for this disease, it is crucial that we educate women about the importance of early detection. If the cancer can be confined to the breast, the survival rate is 93 percent. Women need to understand the importance of mammograms, monthly breast self-examinations, regular exercise and a low-fat, high fiber diet.

Mammography screening exams are the best early detection system available, and I am pleased to be an original cosponsor of the reauthorization of the Mammography Quality Standards Act. Since it was originally passed in the 102d Congress, this legislation has provided women with safe and reliable mammography services. Through this reauthorization, mammography service providers will be required to retain women's mammography records so that an accurate medical history is maintained. In addition, it will ensure that patients are notified about substandard mammography facilities. It is crucial that we address this need, as early detection is often the key to effective treatment and recovery.

Women who undergo treatment for breast cancer deserve the best and most appropriate care. The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1997, another bill that I have cosponsored, guarantees that health care providers cover inpatient care for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection. These procedures can be both physically and psychologically traumatizing, and we must provide these women with the option to have an overnight stay in the hospital after surgery.

This bill would also require HMO's to provide coverage for reconstructive surgery that is necessitated by breast cancer. Currently, this reconstructive surgery may be considered cosmetic, but this categorization is illogical as it ignores the trauma that results from a full mastectomy and other breast cancer related procedures. Last, this bill will guarantee that HMO's cover secondary consultations when any form of cancer has been diagnosed.

I know that my colleagues share my concern with the problem of breast cancer, and I hope that they will support these legislative efforts to help women prevail over this disease.

Again, I wish to commend all those who participated in the Race for the Cure, and I only hope that their efforts move us closer to the Race's noble goal: a true cure for this debilitating illness.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN J. DEPIERRO

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, this year John J. DePierro, president and chief executive officer of the Sisters of Charity Health Care System, celebrates a milestone in his career. For 25 years he has served the Sisters of Charity health care efforts on Staten Island in New York City. In so doing, he has given vision to the health care mission of the sisters and has been a pivotal

force in insuring the success of the many institutions of human service that comprise the Sisters of Charity Health Care System.

Through St. Vincent's Medical Center of Richmond, a broad array of acute care services are made available to the community including maternal and child care programs, centers of excellence in cardiology and oncology, a broad array of psychiatric and addiction services and an active emergency medicine program.

Through Bayley Seton Hospital which was the former Public Health Service Hospital which Mr. DePierro played a key role in providing for its transition to community service working closely with me, a strong range of outpatient services together with inpatient programs with specific emphasis on the centers of excellence of dermatology and ophthalmology are available to the community. As with St. Vincent's, there is an effective emergency medicine program to meet the needs of the surrounding community.

Bayley Seton has also, working closely with me, forged a productive relationship with the Department of Defense to provide military health care as a uniformed services treatment facility.

In 1994, St. Elizabeth Ann's Health Care and Rehabilitation Center became a reality and through it a range of chronic, subacute and rehabilitative services were provided for the community of Staten Island. Special populations that are served include persons with AIDS as well as ventilator-dependent patients.

The system also has concerned itself with insuring a continuum of community-based services. Pax Christi Hospice, a home-based hospice program, has served the needs of Staten Islanders since 1988 and the Sisters of Charity Home Health Care Program meets their posthospital needs.

To Mr. DePierro's abiding credit, he has also concerned himself with other human needs of the community of Staten Island. Through his commitment, three senior housing programs have been developed to provide over 225 residential units of housing for seniors. He is also seeing to the needs of the employees of the system with the development of the Sister Elizabeth Boyle Child Learning Center which provides day care services for both the staff of the corporations of the system, let alone the community.

It is rare in the context of health care today to see an individual have such long and illustrious tenure in an institution. This is made all the more unique by the strength that has been created in the vertically integrated health care delivery system that is the Sisters of Charity.

Mr. DePierro's background speaks to his capacity as a hospital administrator and health care leader. A graduate of St. Peter's College with a master's in business administration majoring in hospital administration from

George Washington University, he completed a residency in hospital administration at Bellevue Hospital Center. He is a fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives, a member of the American Hospital Association, the American Public Health Association and the Public Health Association of New York City.

He has served as a regent for New York State for the American College of Health Care Executives. He has lent his significant leadership to the professional associations of the industry including serving as a member of the board of governors of the Greater New York Hospital Association of which he is also past chairman as well as a member of the board of the Healthcare Association of New York State of which he is also a past chairman. He has been a delegate to the regional advisory board II of the American Hospital Association and currently serves as chairperson of the hospital advisory council of the Catholic Health Care Network of the Archdiocese of New York.

Mr. DePierro, despite the heavy demands on his professional responsibilities, makes time to serve on the board of the Seton Foundation for Learning which provides educational programs in the Catholic tradition for special children. He is also a past president of the foundation.

A man committed to his family, he and his wife, Jeanne, are the proud parents of four children and delight in their six grandchildren—soon to be seven.

All of this, Mr. President, gives testimony to the capacity of a single individual motivated and concerned about the needs of others to work effectively over the course of time to insure that those needs are provided for effectively and good works are accomplished by harnessing the involvement of others and by personal example.

I am proud of the strong relationship that I have enjoyed with the Sisters of Charity Health Care System over the years and the opportunities that I have had to work with Mr. DePierro in the transition of Bayley Seton Hospital, the provision of military health care and the development of housing programs.

I know of his forthright commitment and his unquestioned integrity in his dealings with all. These traits are exemplary of the pattern of care of the Sisters of Charity on Staten Island.

I join with Mr. DePierro's countless friends and associates in wishing him professional and personal success in the years ahead. I trust too Mr. President that knowing of John's fondness for golf, that his handicap will be reduced in inverse ratio to his years of service with the Sisters of Charity and his hole-in-one shot in Aruba was only the first of many.

I share the prayer of those who are honoring John at a celebration on Staten Island on Tuesday, July 1, that he shall continue to be blessed with good health and a steadfast concern for others.●

## HONORING THE DETROIT RED WINGS

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the 1997 Stanley Cup Champion Detroit Red Wings. After 42 years of frustration and near misses, on Saturday night a week ago the Red Wings completed a 4-0 sweep of the powerful Philadelphia Flyers and brought the most coveted trophy in professional sports back to the city known by hockey fans across North America as "Hockeytown."

My wife, Barbara, and I had one of the most thrilling experiences of our lives when we were able to attend the game. Our daughter, Erica, came with in a whisker of coming to Detroit from New York but ended up glued to her TV instead, with our daughter, Laura, 800 miles away. With our daughter, Kate, watching in Ann Arbor, the family was together, electronically watching history in the making. The outpouring of positive emotion after the game was almost as memorable as the game itself! The long drought was finally over and Detroit's fans poured forth into the streets all across Michigan to whoop it up.

The Detroit Red Wings are one of the most successful teams in hockey history. An "Original Six" franchise, today's team is rooted in the tradition of hockey legends like Sid Abel, Ted Lindsay, Terry Sawchuk, and the greatest player ever to lace up skates, Gordie Howe. Their numbers have been retired and hang on banners from the rafters of Joe Louis Arena, reminding today's players and fans of glory years past.

The 1996-97 Red Wings won the Stanley Cup because of an organizationwide commitment to excellence. That commitment begins at the top with team owners Mike and Marian Ilitch, and is matched only by their dedication to the city of Detroit. When Mike and Marian purchased the team 15 years ago, the Wings regularly missed the playoffs and gave away a car at each home game to put fans in the seats. Their perseverance, dedication to winning and commitment to the city of Detroit have paid off with their Stanley Cup triumph.

The Red Wings' tremendous victory was truly a team effort, but a few individuals deserve a special mention. Coach Scotty Bowman won his seventh Stanley Cup, and became the first coach in NHL history to win the cup with three teams. Mike Vernon, the Red Wings' veteran goalie, earned the Conn Smythe trophy as the most valuable player in the playoffs with his stellar netminding. But this victory may mean the most to Red Wings Captain Steve Yzerman, one of the classiest professional athletes one could ever meet. Steve was drafted 14 years ago and was named team captain 11 years ago, making him the longest serving captain with the same team in the NHL. He has carried his team, and the often weighty hopes of Red Wings

fans, on his shoulders with dignity and grace. My congratulations go to Mike and Marian Ilitch, Scotty Bowman, Mike Vernon, Steve Yzerman, Jimmy Devellano; and players Doug Brown, Mathieu Dandenault, Kris Draper, Sergei Fedorov, Viacheslav Fetisov, Kevin Hodson, Tomas Holmstrom, Mike Knuble, Joey Kocur, Vladimir Konstantinov, Vyacheslav Kozlov, Martin LaPointe, Igor Larionov, Nicklas Lidstrom, Kirk Maltby, Darren McCarty, Larry Murphy, Chris Osgood, Jamie Pushor, Bob Rouse, Tomas Sandstrom, Brendan Shanahan, Tim Taylor and Aaron Ward.

I would like to extend my congratulations as well to the Philadelphia Flyers for a well-played series. Their strength and power gave the Red Wings a tough battle.

Last Friday, after a week of celebration which saw 1 million people fill Hart Plaza and Woodward Avenue for the Red Wings' victory parade, Hockeytown met with tragedy as three members of the team were involved in a limousine accident. Two of the Wings' famous "Russian Five," Vladimir Konstantinov and Slava Fetisov, as well as the team's masseur, Sergei Mnatsakanov, were seriously injured. Today, Vladimir and Sergei are each in a coma with critical head injuries. Slava, thankfully, is listed in good condition with chest injuries. Vladimir, a finalist for the Norris Trophy as the National Hockey League's top defenseman, and Slava, a 39-year-old known to his teammates as "Papa Bear," are fan favorites around the league. Hockey fans in the Detroit area and across North America are praying for the full recovery of all three men.

Mr. President, the Detroit Red Wings showed people around the world what it takes to be a champion. I know my colleagues will join me in extending the congratulations of the entire U.S. Senate to the 1997 Stanley Cup Champion Detroit Red Wings and also send our hopes and prayers for the full recovery of all those injured last Friday night. •

## CORRECTIONS TO STATEMENT OF MANAGERS ACCOMPANYING CONFERENCE REPORT ON FISCAL YEAR 1998 BUDGET RESOLUTION

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask that the following errata sheet correcting minor errors that occurred in the printing of the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at this point. Further, I would like to draw the attention of my colleagues to the printing error in the table which shows the section 302 allocation (5-year total) for the Committee on Governmental Affairs on page 148. In order to avoid the costs of a Star Print, the correct number is included on the errata sheet and that is the level which will be used for the purpose of determining Budget Act violations.

The material follows:

## CORRECTIONS

In the report:

On page 57, for the 1998 Budget Resolution Conference Agreement Function Totals, the off-budget budget authority for Undistributed Offsetting Receipts for the year 2000 should read "-9.1".

On page 58, for the 1998 Budget Resolution Conference Agreement Function Totals, the off-budget outlays for Undistributed Offsetting Receipts for the year 2000 should read "-9.1".

On page 58, for the 1998 Budget Resolution Conference Agreement Function Totals, total budget authority for Undistributed Offsetting Receipts for the year 2001 should read "-50.1".

On page 58, for the 1998 Budget Resolution Conference Agreement Function Totals, total outlays for Undistributed Offsetting Receipts for the year 2001 should read "-50.1".

On page 107, under section 203 of the Senate amendment, the following text: "The agreement creates an allowance of \$9.2 billion in budget authority with an associated, but unspecified, amount of outlays to be released by the Budget committees when the Appropriations committees report bills that provide for renewal of Section 8 housing assistance contracts that expire in 1998. The conference agreement assumes that the amount of the allowance to be released (estimated to be \$3.436 billion for outlays) will not be reduced to the extent that the appropriations and authorizing committees produce Section 8 savings that were proposed in the President's 1998 budget." should be placed on page 108 under section 203 of the Conference agreement.

On page 148, for the Senate Committee Budget Authority and Outlay Allocations Pursuant to Section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act 5-Year Total: 1998-2002, entitlements funded in annual appropriations, the outlays for Governmental Affairs should read "33". •

## VICTIMS' RIGHTS CLARIFICATION ACT OF 1997

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I want to thank my colleague Senator NICKLES for introducing the Victims' Rights Clarification Act of 1997. I believe this important legislation will help victims of crime exercise their deserved rights.

The 104th Congress did much to ensure that victims are no longer casualties of a skewed justice system where their voices are often ignored. This year, we are picking up where we left off in standing up for the innocent. I am proud to join several of my colleagues in cosponsoring this legislation.

The purpose of the Victims' Rights Clarification Act of 1997 is really quite simple. This act will guarantee that victims of crime may be present at public court proceedings, barring their presence will not be a detriment to his or her testimony. Frankly, I am disheartened it takes an act of Congress to reaffirm this right. But, I am pleased we are making progress in correcting these deficiencies in America's legal system.

The devastation of lives in the Oklahoma City bombing and the senseless acts of violence occurring in our neighborhoods every day gives this Chamber